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Faculty Senate

Agenda--10/6/97

3:15 p.m., E156 Student Union

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 9/22/1997 (Attachment C)**
- 3. Report of the President/Provost**
- 4. Report of the Senate Executive Committee: James Sayer**
- 5. Reports of Committees**
 - A. Buildings & Grounds Utilization & Planning: James Amon**
 - B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav**
 - C. Faculty Affairs:**
 - D. Library: Rebecca Koop**
 - E. Student Affairs: Jane Scott**
 - F. University Budget Review Committee: Robert Sweeney**
- 6. Old Business: None**
- 7. New Business**
 - A. Call for Nominations for Professor-at-Large for University Promotion and Tenure Committee (Attachment A)**
 - B. "A Statement of Principles to Guide Academic Reform" (Attachment B)**
- 8. Announcements**

Next Faculty Senate Meeting--November 3, 1997, 3:15 p.m. E156 Student Union
- 9. Adjournment**

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 6, 1997

I. The meeting was called to order by University Faculty President James Sayer at 3:15 p.m. in E156 Student Union.

Present: Barr, D., Carney, C., Castellano, J., Czachor, J., Fleischauer, J., Forston, S., Goldfinger, M., Guthrie, J., Hartmann, C., Kazimierczuk, M., Nehring, V., O'Brien, M., Oxindine, A., Rickert, W., Rutter, E., Sayer, J., Schlagheck, D., Self, E., Siervogel, R., Slonaker, W., Sweeney, R., Vance, J., Voss, D., Weiss, I., Wetter, E., Wheatly, M., Wolf, E.

Absent: Flack, H., Garrison, D., Guo, S., Kapp, M.

II. The minutes of the September 22, 1997 meeting were approved as written (Attachment C to Agenda).

III. Report of the President/Provost: John Fleischauer reporting:

Dr. Fleischauer circulated a report called "Dashboard" which was developed to provide quick information to the Board of Trustees. The report shows that overall enrollment is up for the first time in five years -- a result of new freshmen (an increase of 195 or 10%). Our retention is improving. Minority enrollment is up 1%. African-American enrollment is up 14%. Women are up 1%, continuing their majority enrollment in the university. Lake Campus enrollment is up significantly. The WSU freshmen class is probably the best WSU has had. The average ACT composite score is the highest since we've kept track of it. The average high school GPA is up. High school percentile ranking is also up. The number of valedictorians and salutatorians is up dramatically. The number admitted directly to college programs is up significantly. The number admitted on probation has dropped. External funding through sponsored research programs has increased dramatically from \$26 million to \$31 million.

Dr. Fleischauer reported that Janet Achterman presented some financial information to the Board of Trustees last week on early retirement possibilities, including a rough estimate of costs and eligibility criteria based on the state guidelines for early retirement. WSU needs to look at program impact and the quality of instruction issue.

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution commending the Faculty Senate on its start and supporting the Faculty Senate as the voice of the faculty.

IV. Report of the Senate Executive Committee: James Sayer reporting:

The Executive Committee will be meeting Tuesday, October 14 at 2:15 p.m. in Faculty Office to work on the agenda for the next Faculty Senate Meeting on November 3. Dr. Robert Sweeney will serve as Chair of UBRC this year, replacing Dr. Rudy Fichtenbaum. Dr. John Talbott will fill the vacant faculty position on UBRC. Dr. Kuldip Rattan will serve as Chair for Faculty Affairs. Faculty Affairs will be responsible for appointing members to the Tenure Removal Board; new subcommittees for harassment and discrimination and for faculty diversity; handling the request from the Provost that some modifications be made to the Faculty Emeritus Policy. A roster of updated committee assignments has been distributed to Faculty Senate members at this meeting.

Dr. Sayer proposed conducting a final ballot (by mail) to all faculty for a final decision on the semester/quarter issue. After discussion, it was decided that this issue would be sent to the Executive Committee for review at its October 14 meeting.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Buildings and Grounds Utilization & Planning: James Amon reporting:

Haven't had time to meet. Met with Vicky Davidson and heard comments on the kinds of items needed to be considered for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Prof. Amon requested suggestions from the members of the Faculty Senate.

B. Curriculum and Academic Policy: Thomas Sav reporting:

The first scheduled meeting will be Friday, October 10 at 2:30 p.m. At that meeting a meeting schedule will be set for the fall quarter. At that meeting the committee will appoint a chair and members to the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee and discuss possible issues that might come before curriculum this quarter, including the possible issue regarding the course ~~4.5~~^{4.54} period and the issue of adding a Pluralism in American Society course to the General Education program. Prof. Sav asked the Faculty Senate to include the chair of the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee as a non-voting member. He was asked to submit in writing an amendment to the Faculty Senate constitution.

C. Faculty Affairs

No report

D. Library

No report

E. Student Affairs

No report

F. University Budget Review: Robert Sweeney reporting:

The first meeting is not scheduled yet. The committee will be considering: (1) early retirement; (2) university funding of athletics department deficit; and (3) John Talbott is proposing that departments be given resources to advertise.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

A. Call for Nominations for Professor-at-Large for University Promotion and Tenure Committee (Attachment A to Agenda)

Nominated and Seconded

Martin Maner

Joanne Dombrowski

John Blair

B. "A Statement of Principles to Guide Academic Reform" (Attachment B to Agenda)

Adoption of "A Statement of Principles to Guide Academic Reform" was moved and seconded.

Dr. Fleischauer provided background information.

After discussion, this matter was sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee for consideration.

VIII. Announcements and Special Reports

Next Faculty Senate Meeting -- November 3, 1997, 3:15 p.m. E156 Student Union

IV. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.